

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Going Green At Home

(NAPSA)—An increasing number of homeowners have found an easy yet effective way to help the ecology and their own economy.

Every time they buy a home appliance, tune up their heating system or fix a leaky faucet, they make decisions that affect the environment. According to the Department of Energy, the cost of using appliances and heating and cooling equipment averages more than \$1,200 each year. By following these tips, homeowners can have a house that's friendlier to the environment—and to their bank account when it comes time to pay energy bills.

### Shop Smart

Energy-efficient appliances can save you as much as a third off your energy bills, with similar savings in greenhouse gas emissions. If you're in the market for new appliances, you may want to consider products that the Environmental Protection Agency has certified as Energy Star efficient.

### Save Water

Simple things, such as fixing leaky toilets or keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap until the water is cool, can add up to more than a drop in the bucket in water and money savings. More high-tech solutions include dual-flush toilets and water-saving washers and dishwashers.

### Bright Idea

Consider putting lamps on timers in your home, so that they shut off at night in rooms you're not using. Also, switching to



**To keep energy costs from going through the roof, experts advise, you'd be wise to insulate your attic.**

more energy-efficient, compact fluorescent lightbulbs could add up, as these lights use 50 to 80 percent less energy than incandescents and last up to 10 times longer.

### Insulate

The right insulation can keep heating and cooling costs down. Fiber glass insulation, which is a longtime favorite, does a superior job of saving energy and is produced from renewable materials such as sand and recycled glass. It has a positive effect on the indoor environment by controlling heat loss and gain, reducing condensation and providing sound control. Some, including InsulSafe SP Premium Blowing Wool from CertainTeed, are certified for superior indoor air-quality performance.

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